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## TOPEKA IS COMBATING DRUG USER

Emergency Methods Adopted by Officials in the City.

City Jail and Detention Hospital Will Be Donated.

STRAPPED TO THEIR BEDS  
Physicians Say Topekans  
Crazed Without Drugs.

Federal Law Prohibiting Sale  
in Effect Five Days.

AMONG GOOD FAMILIES HERE

Habit, Unknown to Friends,  
Has Claimed New Victims.

Persons Have Sent in Application for City's Aid.

"In several Topeka homes, persons whom members of the families never suspected of being drug victims and in some instances do not even yet realize the cause of the trouble, are being secretly restrained, either by being strapped to beds, or by having members of the family constantly in attendance."—Statement from a Topeka physician.

Today is the fifth day of the enforcement of the newly enacted federal law regulating the sale of habit-forming drugs. Yet in this short time conditions are being revealed in Topeka which are astonishing. The statement that scarcely a physician in Topeka has not been approached by some victim of a drug habit in an effort to secure drugs in the last few days is substantiated by a number of doctors of the city. They base their opinion upon their own experiences and conclude the search of drugs by victims of the habit is general.

L. L. Coffey, mayor, and W. L. Porter, city commissioner of public health, announced today that the city has a program under consideration for the administration of free treatment of drug victims under the supervision of Dr. A. B. Jeffrey, 705 Kansas avenue, has volunteered his services to W. L. Porter in the working out of a plan for using the city detention hospital as a sanitarium for the treating of drug-users.

To Use City Jail.

Mayor Coffey proposes that the upper floor of the city jail be used, as well as the detention hospital. He also expects George B. Huron, police judge, to co-operate.

There is no disposition on the part of city officials to force treatment upon persons not wishing it. But one of the peculiarities of a drug habit is that it weakens the will of its victims.

A person suffering the torments of the habit, jerking, red-hot wire, ready to consent to any kind of a plan to relieve him or her of the agony.

When a doctor's cure is offered under such circumstances, it is readily accepted, but during the process of the cure, frequently the patient becomes will powerless and returns to the drug. Then what has been accomplished is all for naught unless the patient can be restrained. It is here that the police judge enters into the plan. A person wishing to accept the city's offer of treatment, must enter a plea of guilty to some charge which surmounts the person's liberty to the city for the time necessary for the treatment, which is fifty or sixty days. This is the method being followed in other cities and which Topeka proposes to copy.

Among Best People.

"I understand that the shutting off of drugs is bringing to light startling conditions," said Mayor Coffey today. "The surprising thing about it is that the use of habit-forming drugs seems to be quite extensive among what are considered some of the best people of the city. Many of them are forced to take a cure or suffer indescribable torture. Naturally those who have not lost their self-respect will wish to be treated with as few persons as possible knowing of their condition. Their feelings in the matter will be given consideration by the city."

"The city detention hospital is an ideally secluded place for the treatment of persons wishing to have the matter kept quiet," said W. L. Porter. "The city has a finely equipped, large \$12,000 building off by itself. It is so much larger than the city needs in caring for cases of contagious diseases, that other persons could be cared for there without any danger."

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## CARED FOR ROSE.

Berlin, March 5.—From a member of a guard regiment of Berlin now fighting on the western front comes the story of a "Christ Rose" that blossomed on Christmas day, to illustrate the sentimental side of the soldier and to show that it is far from being deteriorated by war. The guard regiment lay, virtually inactive, in a trench for weeks. A few yards in front, in a hole torn in the earth by the French shell, a rose began to grow. At the risk of their lives the soldiers cared for the plant jealously, but could not induce it to bloom.

On Christmas day, however, the longed-for flower appeared, and was duly plucked and sent to the emperor. The king, however, at the incident, had Richard Voss, the poet, epitomize the incident in poetry, and sent a copy of the verse to each member of the regiment.

## FRIENDLY TIP FRUSTRATED ATTEMPT AT JAIL DELIVERY

Shavnee County Officials Nipped Planned Escape in Bud.

One Prisoner Was to Attempt Suicide—Then the Open Door.

WITH CORD AROUND NECK

Charles Ellis Lay on Prison Floor, but He Rose Again.

Jailer Only Turned His Back on Faked Strangulation.

A wholesale jail delivery died about this morning at the county jail when county officials refused to pay attention to a faked attempt of Charles Ellis, sentenced to the pen a few days ago for burglary in the second degree, to commit suicide.

County officials got wind that there was something brewing at the county jail Thursday evening from a prisoner in one of the cells. According to the tip received by the jailer a scheme was being hatched by the prisoners at the jail to have Ellis play sick or fake an injury in order to get the door of the cell opened and then the prisoners were to make a dash for freedom.

Early this morning about 5 o'clock a prisoner confined in the same cell with Ellis shouted to Mitch Bundy, jailer, that Ellis was in need of a physician. Instead of investigating, Bundy, taking his cue, telephoned L. L. Kline, sheriff.

One of the officers who were on the scene said that Ellis was lying on the floor with a small cord around his neck.

County officials did not open the door of the cell as was expected by those in the plot and the scheme died with Ellis recovering after he found that officials would give him no attention.

## WAR TIDE TURNS

Teutonic Allies Being Pushed Back in the East.

Russians Are Attacking From the Niemen to Vistula.

London, March 5.—Even if no decisive battle develops from the present Russian offensive on the eastern front, the allies today are advancing the claim that the Austro-German plans for their spring campaign in the east have been measurably interfered with. A few weeks ago Field Marshal von Hindenburg was sweeping victories through northern Poland, while in the south the Austrians were pressing forward both in Galicia and in the crownland of Bukovina. Today these roles appear to be reversed.

Russian troops are attacking along the German line from the Niemen to the Vistula and the Germans are clinging tenaciously to their positions before Ossowetz and at other points north of the Vistula, their thrust toward Warsaw has been brought to a standstill, and they are being slowly forced back to their own frontier.

Other news dispatches reaching London set forth that in the south the Austrians and Hungarians continue to fling themselves with great bravery against the German line, but the Russian line. These onslaughts have not yet abated. The Russian general staff declare they have brought no rest to the German line, but that the Carpathians has been reduced to three army corps, according to report in London, which leaves the Austro-Hungarians to bear the brunt of the fighting.

The allied fleets are slowly battering their way up the Dardanelles with a single sea-going battle ship, the ships so far as is known. The British of Turkey, according to a report from Athens, already has fled from Constantinople, and the German fleet, confirmed and reports from Turkish sources, notably an interview with Enver Pasha, deprecates the seriousness of the German position in the Dardanelles and insists the real defenses of the straits have not been affected.

## "I'LL MAKE 'ER, BILL."

Edwin Menninger Slightly Improved. Told His Relative He Would Live.

Edwin Menninger, the Washburn student, son of Dr. C. F. Menninger, was this morning reported just slightly better than he was yesterday. There has been no further spread of the poison which resulted from an explosion of chemicals, which shattered the left hand so badly amputation was resorted to. He still has a high fever. It is not yet definitely known whether the sight of the right eye has been destroyed or not.

This morning while a number of relatives were at the bedside the young man regained consciousness for a few minutes. Looking up at W. R. Kerecher from behind his bandages, he grinned and in a husky voice said: "I'm going to make 'er, Bill—you watch me I'm going to make 'er."

It's this spirit that will save the young man's life, is the belief of the attending physicians.

His temperature rose to 106 last night and stood at 102 this morning. At 3 o'clock this afternoon relatives and physicians felt greatly encouraged about his condition. There is a chance that he will recover. "He'll probably pull through on his nerve," said Dr. C. F. Menninger.

## SENATE WOULD QUIT.

Upper House Fixes March 12 for Final Week on Bills.

The senate this afternoon adopted a resolution putting Friday, March 12, at noon as the date for the final consideration of all legislation and fixing Tuesday, March 16, as the date of final adjournment. The senate will start home on Friday, leaving a few members to receive messages from the governor, unless some situation arises making adjournment at that time impossible.

The house of representatives has not yet adopted any action on this subject.

## BLANKET BOMB FOR HARMONY

Senate Throws Aside Politics on Appropriation Bills.

Senator Waggener Withdraws Resolution to Probe Auditor.

IN A MOST CRITICAL SITUATION

State Must Act on Institutions, Senators Admit.

First Sincere Effort to Promote Immediate Action.

A tone of sincere patriotism that would have gone far to allay the suspicions of the warring brothers of the house of representatives, pervaded the discussion in the senate chamber this morning which preceded the withdrawal of Senator Waggener's resolution demanding a statement from State Auditor Davis as to the foundation of his recommendations for state appropriations.

Because the Waggener resolution threatened to inject new complications in the situation of the educational appropriation bills, now frankly characterized as "critical," its author asked permission to recall it after a brief but animated discussion of the freely made charge that the auditor's recommendations were based upon any personal knowledge of the institutions which they affected.

The fact that where in 1913 he recommended appropriation aggregating \$11,000,000, in 1915 he advised that \$8,000,000 would suffice, called forth the resolution by Waggener demanding that without actual personal familiarity with existing needs was the charge made and admitted on the senate floor.

Plea From House.

But while admitting this charge Republican members of the upper house, friendly to the policy of liberality toward state schools, backed up the Democratic chairman of the ways and means committee, J. J. Shaw, in a plea to avoid the injection of politics in the present situation.

Senator J. C. H. Clark, mentor of the Republican side of the senate in ordinary deliberations, but separated from the administration forces by his friendliness toward the educational institutions, declared the present situation critical and pleaded for the indefinite postponement of consideration of the Waggener resolution.

"We are close to the end of the legislative session and right now is the last time in a most critical situation," said he.

"The senate has agreed to stand by certain appropriation bills. The house has agreed upon others. I have seen fit to stand with the senate upon its educational budget and I believe I shall be justified in my belief. But the solution of this crisis is not to be met by a quarrel with the auditor or by getting into a political scramble over this budget. The purpose of this resolution does not look toward information so much as it does to calling out the fact that the auditor has not personally visited these institutions."

"Let us not treat this situation as politicians but as plain business men in an endeavor to get together upon a bill which will meet the requirements of these institutions."

"I regard it as bad judgment," he concluded, addressing his remarks to the Democratic side of the house, "to attempt to proceed as a partisan matter to embarrass the administration by urging this resolution."

Bowman Supported Resolution.

That he had based his fight upon the senate bill, quitting his Democratic subject.

## TWO MORE WEEKS OF THE LEGISLATURE, SAYS STONE

March 20 Is Date Predicted by Speaker of Kansas House.

Heavily Loaded Calendar of Both Houses Needs Consideration.

50 DAYS NOT UP YET?

Stone Says Legislators Have Forgotten Sundays and Holidays.

The Important Measures Must Be Passed This Session.

The legislative session will probably continue two weeks. That is the opinion today of Speaker Stone, who points to the heavily loaded house and senate calendars and declares it will doubtless be impossible to complete the work before March 18 or 20.

With the breaking of the house-senate appropriation deadlock, legislative members took new hope in the belief that the session would soon end. Even the most pessimistic believed that the session would not continue beyond Saturday, March 13. Now it seems probable that the legislature will continue at least two weeks longer. Many of the big bills originating in the house are now tied up in the senate. On the other hand a number of senate bills of importance, this session have received no action in the house. For that reason, the house speaker believes final adjournment may not come before March 20.

"It does not seem possible for the legislature to adjourn short of two weeks," said Speaker Stone. "According to the constitution our regular fifty days have not yet ended and Sundays and holidays, under the constitution, cannot be included in the session. The session has already exceeded the fifty-day session, has had a tendency to worry some of the members and has perhaps created a premature desire to go home."

"Yet it will be almost impossible to adjourn without considering all of the important bills now before the legislature. Some of the big senate bills have received no consideration in the house, while the senate has taken no action on some of the important bills originating in the house. It seems now that it will be impossible to adjourn next Saturday, March 13. If the session continues into the following week, an adjournment will probably not be had before the end of that week."

## WAR IN EAST PRUSSIA: SNAPSHOT TAKEN AS GERMANS FALL



This remarkable picture, showing Germans falling from their wounds while under fire in the snow covered trenches, has just been received from Dirschheim, East Prussia. It was taken during the recent invasion of Prussia by the Russians, which was repelled by General von Hindenburg.

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## RUMORS OF PEACE

Washington Hears Favorable Rumblings From Europe.

Movements May Be on Hand to Shorten War.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—Rumors of pending developments which would make for peace were again widely circulated throughout diplomatic circles here today. Earnest inquiry failed to reveal any known basis for them. Yet they seemed to reflect a belief in official circles in France and in some of the European neutral countries and officials were inclined to wonder whether movements were not in progress under the surface which may tend to shorten the war.

Representative Sabath of Illinois, who was here present prior to the cabinet meeting, told him that the criticism of the administration's foreign policy by certain German-American newspapers was not representative of the majority of American citizens of German descent. The president said he thoroughly understood this fact.

Germany's reply to the American proposal regarding submarine activity has been sent to the British foreign office. This was because the reply may be used as a basis for England's answer to the same questions.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Unsettled tonight and Saturday; with possibly light snow flurries.

## ANXIOUS EYES ARE ON MEXICO

Washington Officials Are Much Concerned Over Situation.

A Blow-Off of Serious Proportions Threatened.

LOOTING NOW IS IMMINENT

Famine Is Staring the Capital in the Face.

Sanitary Conditions Are Bad, Portending a Pestilence.

Washington, March 5.—The Mexico City situation was filled with dynamite today. The state department officials admitted this following Secretary Bryan's announcement.

The forecast indicates that the storm is practically over but that unsettled conditions will exist in the state for the next 24 hours and that there is a possibility of light snow flurries. The barometer rose today at Topeka and that is a fairly good sign that conditions will be improved. A storm is expected to be little change in temperature.

Heaviest North Central Kansas.

Trailroad and other reports indicate that the snow is heaviest in the northwestern portion of the state. It is reported that the depth in Dickinson and Cloud counties varies from 13 to 17 inches. Atchison reports 10 inches.

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## TO SAVE THE CITY

Turks Will Not Wait for Bombardment by Allies.

Will Surrender Constantinople to Preserve the Mosques.

(By William G. Shepherd.)

London, March 5.—Constantinople will not be bombarded. The old Turks have sent word to England that once the allied fleet batters its way through the Dardanelles, they will flee to the city to save the capital from destruction.

This sums up the statement made to me today by a high official of the British government. For the present at least, he insists, that his name be not used.

"The old Turks are overwhelmed at the thought of English shells battering the city," he told me. "The bombing in of the outer forts of the Dardanelles astounded the Turkish leaders. They want to make a show of resistance at the remaining forts to save their faces before the Turkish people. But above all, they have sent word they want to preserve the Turkish mosques from destruction by the shells of the Christians."

From other sources I learned today that the government is confident that once the allied fleet passes the Dardanelles narrows, the Turks will flee from Istanbul. The Ottoman capital will be surrendered to the English-French fleet. According to rumors prevalent here, the Russians will be the weaker guns are sending shells to the suburb of Constantinople, but the Dardanelles will be declared neutral forever.

A deep feeling of satisfaction pervades England today as rumors spread of the plan to surrender Constantinople. In every quarter the fall of the Ottoman capital would be considered the turning point of the war. The English public does not want to see Constantinople handed over to the Russians. Liverpool dispatches today carry the prediction that wheat prices throughout the world will take an unprecedented drop when the strait is forced.

## AR OF OPTIMISM

Next Move Is Up to England, Washington Says.

No Necessity for Negotiation on International Affairs.

Washington, March 5.—President Wilson and the cabinet canvassed the international situation at length today. While the cabinet members remained extremely reticent, following the meeting, there was an air of optimism that was in distinct contrast to the attitude of alarm evidenced for the past three weeks.

It was stated there had been decided there was no necessity for any immediate negotiation in connection with any phase of the situation. The next move is up to Great Britain. The text of the German note has been communicated to Ambassador Page at London and he has directed the attention of the British foreign office to the concessions contained in it.

In this connection, it is stated that England's reply to the representation made by this government, asking for an agreement to limit the zone of activity on the high seas, will be a refusal to make any material concession. But it is believed that the refusal will be couched as to permit further negotiations.

## HAVE SUNK SIX

Allies Say They Have Disposed of Half a Dozen

German Submarines Since Beginning of the War.

London, March 5.—Six German submarines have been lost since the beginning of the war, it was asserted at the admiralty today, following announcement from the French minister of marines that the German U-8 was sunk by French destroyers in the channel off Dover.

These include the U-15, sunk by the British cruiser Birmingham August 9; the U-18, rammed by a British patrol boat November 23; the U-8, sunk by the French, and three other submarines, whose identity has not been established.

The admiralty in compiling this estimate gives full credit to the story of the captain of the collier Sardinia, that he sank a German submarine on February 23.

## U-8 IS SUNK.

German Submarine Is Sent to the Bottom to Stay.

London, March 5.—The German submarine U-8 has been sunk in the channel off Dover by destroyers. The officers and men were taken prisoner.

Daniels Going to Panama.

Washington, March 5.—Secretary Daniels expected today to depart on a Panama expedition, after which he will visit the Hawaiian Islands.

## SNOW 22 INCHES DEEP IN PARTS OF KANSAS TODAY

Kansas Is Snug and Happy Under a Wet White Blanket.

In Topeka Seven Inches of Snow Covers the Entire City.

STATE ROADS IMPASSABLE

Highways in Worst Condition in History in Kansas.

Mail Carried by Packs—Autos and Buggies Are "Stuck."

All Kansas was tucked snugly in under a blanket of sparkling snow today, ranging in depth from four to twenty-two inches. Early this morning the western third of the state looked like fairyland. The billions of snow crystals glistening in the sunlight almost crushed to the ground the limbs of trees. Snow was still falling—but gently—in the eastern portion of the state this morning but the clouds were thin and there were evidences of clearing.

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## POUNDING AWAY AT TURK FORTS

Fleet of Allies Continues Bombardment Inside Dardanelles.

Chanak Fortress Is Expected to Crumble Within 48 Hours.

THE WORST IS YET TO COME

Must Run Gauntlet of 20 Miles of Krupp Guns.

Mine Fields Continue to Be an Additional Menace.

RUSSIAN FLEET SWOOPS DOWN

Black Sea Naval Contingent Moving on Constantinople.

Turkish Capital May Find Itself Between Two Fires.

HUNTING FOR TURKISH FLEET

Sultan's Ships Probably Sailing Through the Bosphorus.

First Naval Battle of the War Is in Prospect.

(By Ed L. Keen.)

London, March 5.—Pounding away at forts Kild Bahr and Chanak, 45 miles from Constantinople, the allied fleet has made further progress in its attempt to force the Dardanelles, Athens dispatches asserted today. Chanak's fire is becoming very feeble and Vice Admiral Carden is confident that the Turkish stronghold will crumble within 48 hours.

But in spite of optimistic reports from Athens, British officials declared today that the heaviest fighting inside the Dardanelles is yet to begin. Steaming past Kild Bahr and Chanak, the allied fleet will meet the plunging fire of modern Krupp guns for distances of nearly twenty miles before they emerge into Marmora sea for the final dash upon the Ottoman capital.

Some big high shells overhanging a waterway barely more than a mile in width, German and Turkish artillerymen will hurl ton after ton of metal down on Vice Admiral Carden's fleet, which will be further menaced by mine fields.

Warning Is Issued.

A British admiral has issued a warning to the public not to expect the fall of the sultan's capital without obstinate and prolonged resistance. Port Namazieh, overlooking Kild Bahr on the European side, is pouring a terrific shell fire in the direction of the British battleships, according to latest dispatches from the Dardanelles. Turkish modern guns, evidently manned by Germans, are keeping the bombarding fleet at a distance of several thousand yards from Kild Bahr. The weaker guns are sending shells that fall short of the battleships. None of Namazieh's three batteries has been silenced.

Austria and Austria have refused to come to the aid of the sultan, according to Bucharest dispatches today. Austria has refused Turkey's offer of reinforcements and is attacking the allied warships, fearing the destruction of her entire navy. She has advised the sultan to cross into the Dardanelles if the strait is forced. Germany is reported to have refused a request for more gunners to direct the Krupp guns on the strait's fortifications. From Bucharest, Rome and Austria today came reiteration of the stories of peace demonstrations in Constantinople and reports that the sultan had already fled the capital.

## RUSSIAN FLEET COMING.

The Russian Black Sea fleet, composed of six battleships, two protected cruisers and a number of destroyers, is steaming down the east coast of Turkey to attack Constantinople through the Bosphorus, according to Rome dispatches.

The Russian squadron was sighted off Burghas, steaming south toward the Bosphorus. At that time the squadron was within 125 nautical miles of the Bosphorus and about 140 miles from the Ottoman capital.

The admiralty refused to confirm this report. It is known, however, that the Russian Black sea squadron has been on the offensive and searching for the Turkish fleet. The Turkish fleet which withdrew so mysteriously from the Dardanelles, is believed to be steaming through the Bosphorus to meet the unexpected attack upon Constantinople from the east.

In the Russian Black sea squadron are three 12,800 ton battleships carrying twelve inch guns—the Ievstah, Pantellon and the Ivann Zlatous. In addition to these, the 12,540 ton Tri Sviatella, an old battleship, and the Georgi Tabakovska and the Betslav are reported to be engaged in the attempt to reach Constantinople.

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## NEW SUBMARINE STORY.

London, March 5.—A new story is told of the British submarine B-11, whose commander, Lieut. N. Holbrook, received the Victoria cross for bravery in the Dardanelles and sinking a Turkish warship.

On entering the Dardanelles, the submarine sighted a Turkish patrol boat. The B-11 thereupon dived and remained below for some time. On coming to the surface, the Turk was seen steaming around in a circle. After another dive, the commander found the patrol still on hand. Thereupon the commander rammed and sunk her. The mystery was thus cleared and the B-11 had fouled a buoy and had been dragging it about on the surface, so that all the Turks had to do was to follow the mark.